NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 312 and 320 Nopal Street, Santa Barbara, California

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Water Board) announces a 30-day public comment period for the Work Plan for In Situ Chemical Oxidation (Work Plan) to clean up chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOC) impacts to soil and groundwater located at 312 and 320 Nopal Street in Santa Barbara. Since 1994, the responsible party has operated a pump-and-treat groundwater extraction system to remove and contain CVOCs in underlying groundwater. To expedite the cleanup, the responsible party proposes to inject a chemical oxidant to the subsurface soils and shallow groundwater to oxidize the CVOCs. Ongoing monitoring and engineering controls will protect public safety and ensure that the injection will not cause further groundwater quality degradation. The proposed injection will improve water quality by breaking down the CVOCs ultimately to carbon dioxide, water, manganese dioxide and salt ions (potassium, sodium and chloride). City of Santa Barbara municipal wells are located approximately 0.5 mile west of the site. The proposed injection is not expected to impact City drinking water supplies.

As part of the Work Plan, the responsible party has an application to the Water Board for the chemical injection at the subject site. A meeting of the Water Board, providing information about the Work Plan and adoption of a waiver of waste discharge requirements, will be held on September 9, 2005. Water Board staff encourages all interested parties to submit written comments or questions about the Work Plan. The 30-day public comment period begins August 9, 2005, and ends September 9, 2005. You may send all public comments in writing or via email to the Water Board at:

Mr. William Arkfeld Central Coast Water Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, California 93401-7906 e-mail: barkfeld@waterboards.ca.gov.

phone: 805-542-4627

The responsible party contact is also available to answer questions at:

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3 Hutton Centre, Suite 600, Santa Ana, California,

Notice to the Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at 916-255-3650.

In addition to the contacts above you may obtain further information at the following web sites:

- GeoTracker website: https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/search/
- After August 30, 2005 at the Water Board's website: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/Board/Meetings/2005meetings.htm

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